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1. EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING ABDEL-MEGUID WAS THE
FIRST NATIONAL DELEGATE TO ADDRESS THE TCDC CONFERENCE,
SPEAKING ON AUGUST 31 FROM UNCIRCULATED HAND-
WRITTEN NOTES. WITH RESPECT TO NEW INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID
THE FOLLOWING:

" SINCE 1974, WE HAVE ALL BEEN WORKING ON THE
INSTITUTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DIMENSIONS OF A
NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER. OUR EFFORTS HAD
STARTED LOGICALLY THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF
RHETORICAL PSOTITION. POSITIONS THAT HAVE
NOT SUFFICIENTLY BENEFITTED FROM A FIROROUS
ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLICATIONS AND CON
SEQUENCES OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS. A
GREAT DEAL OF INTELLECTUAL FORCE HAS BEEN
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DIRECTED TO THIS EFFORT, BUT IT WOULD
NOT BE UNFAIR TO SAY THAT WE -- BOTH
PARTNERS -- NEED T DO MORE HOMEWORK.
THE ORGANIZED OEFFORTS OF THE UNDEVELOP
MENT SYSTEM -- NOTABLY UNCTAD EFFORTS --
NEED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED AND FORTIFIED
BY INTENSIVE WORK IN INSTITUTIONS SUCH

AS THE OECD AND SIMILAR STRUCTRES
SERVING GROUPS OF NATIONS. WHEAT IS
REQUIRED IS TO REFINE OUR POLICY OPTIONS
ON THE BASIS OF REALISTIC PROGNOSIS OF
PROBLEMS AND APPROPRIATE PRESCRIPTIONS
AIMED AT SOLUTIONS WHICH MAXIMIZE THE
BENEFITS OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP."
"SUCH A COOPERATIVE EFFORT IS
INSTITUTIONALIZED IN THE NORTH. FOR A TRULY
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE, A SIMILAR
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF EFFORTS WITHIN
THE SOUTH IS NEEDED ..."

2. ABDEL-MEGUID WAS FOLLOWED LATER IN THE DAY BY
HE SHRIDATH S. RAMPHAL, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY
GENERAL WHO SAID:

" FINALLY, LET ME URGE THAT BEYOND
REGIONALISM, THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF TCDC
CALLS FOR INTER-REGIONAL LINKAGES THAT
ARE STURDY ENOUGH AND FUNCTIONAL ENOUGH
TO SUSTAIN PROGRAMMES OF CO-OPERATION --
BOTH TECHNICAL AND OTHERWISE. THESE NEED
NOT ALL BE FORMAL; BUT I VERY MUCH
DOUBT WHETHER TCDC CAN FULFILL ITS TRUE
PROMISE AS A DIMENSION OF THIRD WORLD
COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE WITHOUT THE
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NUCLEUS OF THIRD WORLD ORGANIZATION --
WITHOUT THE BEGINNINGS OF AND 'OECD'.
IT CANNOT ALL BE LEFT TO THE UN SYSTEM --
TO THE MULTI-LATERAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE
DEVELOPING WORLD MUST FACILITATE TCDC
THROUGH DIRECT ORGANIZATIONAL ACTION
OF ITS OWN.
TCDC SPONSORED, PROMOTED,
ORGANIZED, AND DELIVERED ENTIRELY FROM
WITHOUT IS A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS.
SUPPORTED, GUIDED, NOURISHED FROM
WITHIN, HOWEVER, THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
FOR DEVELOPMENT -- AND UNDP IN PARTICULAR
-- CAN AND SHOULD BE ITS HAND-MAIDEN.
WOULD THAT THIS CONFERENCE SET TCDC ON
SUCH A ROAD WITH COMMITMENT AS OUR CHART
AND REALISM AS OUR COMPASS."

3. DURING THE COURSE OF A LARGE FORMAL LUNCHEON
AUGUST 31, USDEL ASKED ABDEL-MEGUID IF HE WAS PRO-
POSING AN OECD-TYPE INSTITUTION FOR THE SOUTH.
ABDEL-MEGUID CONFIRMED THIS IMPRESSION, AGREEING

THAT IF ESTABLISHED, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE OUTSIDE THE UN SYSTEM AND FUNDED BY THE SUTH. HE RECOGNIZED THE BROAD, DIVERSE, AND OFTEN CONFLICTING INTERESTS IN THE SOUTH BUT FELT THE NEED WAS THERE AND SHOULD BE FILLED. HE VALUED HIGHLY THE RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL CAPABILITY OF THE OECD AND SAID THE SOUTH WAS CRITICALLY WEAK IN THIS AREA. ABDEL-MEGUID ADDED HE HAD NO FUNDING FOR HIS IDEA.

4. THE UK VIGOROUSLY DENIED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY WAS SPEAKING IN ANY OFFICIAL CAPACITY AND SIAD THIS WAS HIS OWN IDEA.

5. THERE SEEMS TO BE A GROWING CONSENSUS AT THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFERENCE AGAINST CREATING ANY NEW INSTITUTIONS IN THE UN SYSTEM TO COORDINATE TCDC. WE HAVE DETECTED NO FURTHER SUPPORT FOR ABDEL-MEGUID'S IDEA AND BELIEVE THAT "OECD FOR SOUTH" CONCEPT WILL NOT SURFACE AGIN AT THIS CONFERENCE. CASTRO

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